vii.	Bima Yojana for handicrafts artisans;
viii.	Special Handicrafts Training Programmes (SHTP);
IX	Workshed Scheme.

Sericulture Sector:

Name of the Scheme	**Funds released during 2004-05 for the State of Assam**
i. Catalytic Development Programme	Rs. 442.21 lakhs

Jute sector:

Name of the Scheme	**Funds released during 2004-05 for the State of Assam**
1. National Centre for Jute Diversification Scheme:	Rs. 170.00 lakhs was released for development activities in North-Eastern Region, including Assam.
i Jute Service Centre Scheme	
ii. Jute Raw Material Bank Scheme	
iii. Market Support Scheme	
iv. Design Development Scheme	
v. Jute Entrepreneurs (Capital Subsidy) Assistance Scheme (JEAS)	
vi. Micro Finance	
vii. **NER** Special programme.	Rs. 100.00 lakhs under "Special Jute Development Fund (SJDF)"
2. Indian Jute Research Association's North East Project: Setting-up of the North-Eastern Regional Centre of Guwahati.	

Use of numbers on dollar currency as codes by militants in J and K .

*243. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports about the use of numbers on million dollar currency bills as code by militants for their nefarious activities in Kashmir Valley; and

(b) if so, Government's response and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir, the Government is aware of the news item regarding J&K militants using million dollar notes as codes.

(b) As per information received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir no such case has come to its notice to corroborate the news items.

Rape cases registered in the country

*244. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of rape cases registered in India, during 2004, with State-wise break-up;

(b) the number of rapes per lac of population in India, with State-wise break-up;

(c) in the light of above statistics, which were the first five States, where rape scenario was most alarming; and

(d) the steps Government intend to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (d) The total number of rape cases registered in India during 2004 and the number of rapes per lac of population, with State-wise breakup, is enclosed at Statement (See below)

On the basis of rape cases registered, the five States with highest incidence of rape during 2004 were Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Assam, while on the basis of the crime rate, the top five States during 2004 were Mizoram, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Assam.

'Public Order* and 'Police' as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India are State subjects and, as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. Further, the Government of India has been from time to time issuing advisories to the State